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1. JACK PAGGI, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF RECRUITMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL FOR FAO HEADQUARTERS IN ROME, HAS MADE SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS ABOUT APPLICATIONS OF U.S. PERSONNEL. WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHETHER THESE SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE RELATED TO LISTING OF SPECIFIC POSITIONS IN REFERENCE MESSAGES, OR SHOULD BE HANDLED IN ROUTINE FASHION BY IO/EX. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO CIRCULARIZE FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS AS REFERENCE MESSAGES DID. WE LEAVE HANDLING TO IO/EX.

2. PAGGI SAID THAT ONE OPENING THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED URGENTLY AND IS RECOGNIZED AS SUITED FOR U.S. CITIZEN IS P-2 INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION IN NEW YORK (ANNOUNCEMENT 688-LUNO, CLOSING ON FEBRUARY 11). U.S. CITIZEN WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGES IN CONTACTS WITH PRESS IN NEW YORK.

3. PAGGI ALSO URGES THAT UNITED STATES PRESENT CANDIDATES FOR ECONOMIST POSITIONS THAT NEED NOT BE AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS, SUCH AS POSITIONS ANNOUNCED IN 690-DDD, 691-DDD. MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE POSITIONS ARE EXPERTISE IN GENERAL AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. FSOS WITH AID EXPERIENCE OR YOUNG AID UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMISTS WOULD BE SUITABLE.

4. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT FOREGOING IMPLIES NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES YOUNGER THAN MEN AT FSO RETIREMENT AGE. DEPARTMENT HAS PARTICULAR NEED TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFFICERS ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT. FAO AND OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS ON OTHER HAND CAN PLACE ONLY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF SUCH APPLICANTS, AND WANT APPLICANTS OF MORE JUNIOR RANK AND AGE. PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN REFERENCE MESSAGES WOULD PERMIT NOMINATION OF SOME JUNIOR CANDIDATES AND IN OUR OPINION A GOOD ADMIXTURE OF SUCH CANDIDATES WOULD HELP IN SUBMITTING SENIOR APPLICANTS, AS WELL AS BENEFITTING U.S. REPRESENTATION IN FAO AND OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS.

5. OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THAT ALAN VIDAL-NAQUET WILL REMAIN IN NEW YORK IN UN SECRETARIAT, AND WILL NOT BE PUT IN POSITION OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF FAO, WHEN FORTUNESCU (U.S. CITIZEN) RETIRES. POSITION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE GIVEN TO RETIRED US. FSO MERRIL BLEVINS, WHO HAS BEEN DEPUTY FOR SOME TIME. (BLEVINS IS ON LEAVE AND DOES NOT YET KNOW OF THIS TURN OF EVENTS.) IN DUE COURSE, THIS WILL LEAD TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING FOR DEPUTY POSITION (P-5).VOLPE

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